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Calls to combat problems downtown with homelessness

BY STAN MADDUX

Some business owners in Michigan City are appealing for a crackdown on problems stemming from homeless people hanging out and sleeping in the downtown.

The problems cited range from customers and business owners feeling unsafe to human waste outside storefronts.

"Downtown safety, cleanliness and vitality affect everyone who lives here, works here or visits here," said Monica O'Donnell, the owner of North Star Properties, a real estate firm at 5th and Franklin streets.

She and several other downtown business owners pleaded for action during the Oct. 21 meeting of the city council.

"I don't know what we need to do but we need to work together, and we need to work together fast," said Amy Bowman, owner and operator of Good News Vintage, an antique store at 613 Franklin Street.

Bowman said she regularly has to clean up feces, watch drinking from open containers of alcoholic beverages and, most recently, was sexually harassed.

"I'm done. I'm done," she said.

O'Donnell asked that a downtown safety ordinance be drafted and reviewed within 30 days then submitted to the city council for its consideration.

She said the ordinance should set a standard and allow for enforcement without violating people's rights.

Specifically, O'Donnell suggested the ordinance prohibit things like people blocking entrances to businesses, creating unsafe and unsanitary conditions and refusing to leave private property after receiving written notice to do so.

"It's consistent with Indiana law and gives law enforcement a balanced, constitutional framework for a response," she said.

Allison Dent, a mortgage lender with an office at 613 Franklin Street., said she keeps her door locked and opens it only when a client shows up because of homeless people coming inside asking to use the bathroom or warm up.

"It's pretty uncomfortable for me to have to ask them to leave especially if I'm the only person in that office," she said.

Dent also said there were homeless people sleeping on the outdoor furniture of a restaurant behind her business during the summer.

Jessie Cundiff said he's been dealing with the same issues related to homeless for 12 years since opening his higher end consignment shop, Hoity Toity at 731 Franklin Street.

He said the problem has lingered long enough for him to start losing customers.

"This has been the slowest year for my business ever. If it continues this way I might not be there anymore," he said.

The only response from the council was from Don Przybylinski, who expressed support for the business owners.

Przybylinski said he personally spotted people sleeping behind the old Rodeo Bar next to some concrete barricades at 11th and Franklin streets.

"There was clothing there. There was garbage there. There was feces there. To me, it's getting out of control," he said.

MAN STRUCK DEAD ON US HWY 212 IN MICHIGAN CITY

A man found dead along a highway Monday in Michigan City was struck by a motor vehicle.

That's according to Michigan City Police, who were trying to identify the driver who fled the scene.

Police said the victim was 31 year old Gregory Wyse of Michigan City.

His body lying in a ditch in the 700 block of Indiana 212 was found by a pedestrian, who called 911.

Police said the preliminary investigation reveals Wyse was walking along the four lane highway when struck by a southbound vehicle that left the crash site.

The vehicle has not been identified, police said.

A section of the highway was closed for several hours to allow investigators to collect and process multiple pieces of evidence.

Police said no additional information was being released at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact lead investigator Officer Daniel Revoir at 219-874-3221 or drevoir@emichigancity.com.

— STAN MADDUX

The narcissist fears being hated. — *Dino N. Fatouros*

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Bad farm tractor crashes lead to more calls for safety

BY STAN MADDUX

Farmers on tractors killed and injured in separate collisions recently in southwest Michigan should serve as a reminder for drivers of passenger vehicles to exercise patience so they're not in such a life-threatening hurry.

The latest crash happened Thursday, Oct. 23, in Howard Township in Cass County.

About 5:30 p.m., the driver of the tractor, Michael Studer, 55, of Niles was slowing down on Leet Road to turn left onto Worrell St., according to the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

Police said Studer was in the process of turning but wound up in the path of a vehicle in the opposite lane attempting to pass him from behind.

The passenger vehicle then struck the tractor.

Studer was taken to Memorial Hospital in South Bend with undisclosed injuries.

In early August, fifth generation farmer, Paul Burns, 73, of Cassopolis, Michigan, was killed when rear-ended on his tractor by a pick-up truck also in Cass County.

According to Michigan State Police, both drivers were southbound on Calvin Center Road when the crash happened about 5:30 p.m.

The driver of the pick-up truck, whose name has not been released, along with his passengers suffered only minor injuries.

Police said distracted driving is believed to be a factor in the collision.

According to family members, Burns had a passion for preserving the farm that has been in his family since 1843.

Michigan State Police Lt. DuWayne Robinson said drivers should expect slow-moving farm vehicles during harvest season, which is beginning to wind down.

"Obey the speed limit to allow time to react to large, slow-moving tractors. Keep hands on the wheel and eyes on the road to minimize distractions and ensure safety," he said.

Bill Field, a farm safety expert from Purdue University, said drivers should be more cautious during harvest not just to avoid death and injury to themselves and others but to prevent potentially very costly lawsuits.

Field said some drivers might not have enough coverage on their insurance policies to completely cover judgements from lawsuits awarded to injured farmers or families of farmers killed in such crashes.

Field said any judgements over insurance coverage limits could result in drivers at fault having to pay the difference.

"That's where the real money comes from. They're going to go after everything," he said.

Field said the risk of injury and death to drivers in passenger vehicles from collisions with farm machinery is also higher nowadays because of how the equipment has grown in size enough over the years for the force of impacts to be greater.

In addition, Field said more pieces of equipment are wide enough require traveling partially in the opposite lane of a two-lane road or on the shoulder.

He said the travel safety risk is not helped during a period when a higher percentage of drivers seem more aggressive behind the wheel and less likely to avoid a collision at the unexpected site of a tractor or combine a short distance away on the road.

Field said the chances of a collision also go up from the use of cell phones.

"The next thing you know you're right into the rear end of a piece of equipment," he said.

Field, who operates a small farm, said he was once involved in a collision when a drunk driver after rounding a curve plowed into the rear his small tractor.

Field said he was spared by a 300-gallon tank containing sap from maple trees strapped to the back end of his machine.

"What saved my life was that maple sap. It acted like a huge shock absorber," he said.

Despite public reminders for drivers to be courteous while encountering farm machinery, Field said fewer drivers seem not to consistently practice it as they did in the past.

"There needs to be a mutual respect. The farmers are not out there to irritate you. They just got to move from field to field," he said.

I feel like the phone was in my way. So I got rid of the phone to focus.
— Young Thug

NEW BUFFALO DRAMA DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT 'WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?'

The New Buffalo Area Schools Drama Department will be presenting "Who's Afraid of The Big Bad Wolf" by Tom McCabe and directed by Dwayne Whitmyer at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, in the New Buffalo Performing Arts Center at 1112 East Clay St. in New Buffalo.

The hilarious comedy cleverly combines the tale of "Three Little Pigs" and "Little Red Riding Hood," with a very hungry wolf stuck between them. Children and adults will delight in the whirlwind antics of the three little pigs, a French Canadian woodsman, and Cornelius B.B. Wolf, who might actually get something to eat, if he doesn't keep blowing things away

The cast of characters are Hoshi Valarezo/Beckett Frum as Cornelius B.B. Wolf, Makalia Lister as Little Red Riding Hood, Shawna Yech as Piedmont Pierre, Charlie Alvarez as Porky, Xaydan Metz as Bacon Bits, Jonah Kirby as Oink, Mackenzie Luehring as Grandma Hood and Islay Welter as Mrs. Hood.

"Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. — STAFF REPORTS

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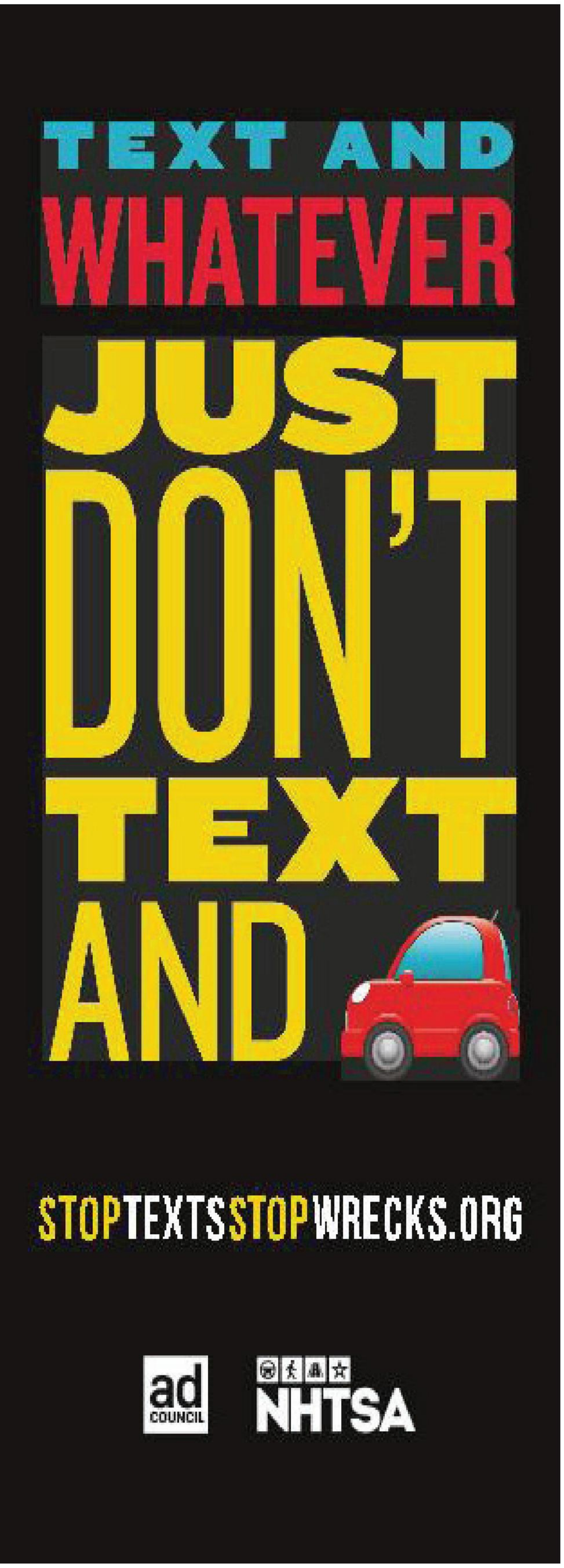

Berrien County Health Department empowers parents and caregivers with tools to prevent prescription drug misuse among teens

Prescription drug misuse among Michigan high schoolers remains prevalent, with nearly 1 in 8 engaging in prescription misuse, according to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As the national conversation around prescription drug misuse continues, the Berrien County Health Department and Voice.Change.Hope. Alliance are teaming up to raise awareness locally by providing information about the risks of prescription drug misuse to parents and caregivers and offering resources to help keep teens safe.

Prescription drug misuse is defined as using prescription medications in a way not intended by the prescribing physician.

Misuse of prescription drugs among teens is linked to increased risk of physical violence, risky sexual behaviors and mental health challenges such as anxiety and suicide risk, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Improper use of prescription medications, especially painkillers, can endanger the health of teens and increase the risk of addiction," said Lisa Peeples-Hurst, BCHD's public health promotion and prevention supervisor. "As the opioid crisis continues to impact communities across the country, including here in Berrien County, we are focused on equipping parents and other adults with the knowledge and resources they need to address prescription drug misuse and prevent it among young people."

Here are some steps community members can take to help prevent prescription drug misuse:

- Properly dispose of unused and expired prescription medication. A list of safe disposal site throughout Berrien County is available at www.berriencounty.org/533/medical-waste.
- Talk with loved ones about safe prescription drug use. For talking tips for any age, visit www.talksooner.org/talking-tips.
- Model a healthy relationship with prescription medication by taking medication only as prescribed.

For more information about preventing prescription drug misuse and local resources, visit www.berriencounty.org/1821rx-drug-abuse-prevention.com. — STAFF REPORTS

HIKERS TO EXPLORE GALIEN RIVER COUNTY PARK

Led by Derek Pelc, Berrien County Parks Chief Naturalist, hikers will be repeating the annual Berrien County Parks Fall Tour, watching the fall colors change while learning some interesting facts about our parks and the wildlife they support.

The Harbor Country Hikers will continue its "Splash of Color Hikes" tour at the Galien River County Park and hike through some of the most memorable fall trails of Berrien during a moderate, 1.0-mile hike that will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, that should last about two hours. The hike will be flat on bluff and overlook, steps or pitched switchback trail to the marsh boardwalk.

HCH has an All-Terrain Rollator which may be reserved for use on our hikes. Reservations are made on a first-come first-served basis by filling out the brief form at https://harborcountryhikers.org/rollator.

Besides the upland Ridge Trail, there are spectacular views from the tree level observation platform, marsh level boardwalk and fishing platform, especially in the fall. The park includes a mix of upland and wetland habitats along the Galien River. The wetland area is particularly significant in that it is a part of the larger "Great Lakes Marsh" that formed along the Galien River just upstream from the river's mouth at Lake Michigan. The area is a home and popular rest stop for many protected birds including bald eagles and Sandhill cranes.

Although membership is preferred, all are welcome to attend this hike. Dress for the weather, wear a sun hat and sturdy shoes or boots, preferred pest controls and bring plenty of water. For more information, including driving directions to the Galien River County Park visit the Hikers' website, www.harborcountryhikers.org, or its Facebook page. — STAFF REPORTS

OPINION

What's Playing at the Theater in Galien?

PART 2

BY BILL BURCK

If you're looking for a burger and a beer, you could do worse than The Bungalow in Galien. When I walked in there last Thursday night, a man seated on a barstool said, "Uh-oh, here's another one right now."

I set a stack of New Buffalo Times on the end of the bar. "Here's some free newspapers. There's an article in there about Galien."

"Nuh-uh," disagreed the guy on the barstool, while the woman behind the bar got interested, "Oh, I want to read an article about Galien."

"It's on page seven," and I flipped open the top copy to the article. "See. It's about the theater in Galien."

Barstool guy wasn't having it. "There ain't no theater in Galien."

Should I have told him that I walked out of the theater in Galienjust the night before with questions swirling through my head?Was the performance I'd just witnessed a play about corruption? About conflict of interest? About revenge?

Was it Greek tragedy? Would pride and arrogance bring the tragic hero, Board Supervisor, to his downfall?

Would we the audience find emotional release through his story arc? Would it bring us to confront the gray areas between right and wrong?

Was it the type of dramatic experience that would unify us -- performers, audience, and the world itself --

blurring the boundary between artifice and reality?

I could have ordered a beer and tried sharing some of these thoughts with barstool guy. But only one person in the world has signed up for this form of torture, and she wasn't present.

So I walked out of The Bungalow into the night, taking comfort that America still resembles a free country, where barstool guy can believe whatever he wants, even that no theater exists in Galien.

But I know different, dear editor, and am here to implore youand your readers to take a chance. Come see for yourselves. On the evening of November 19, take the drive to 305 Kiley Drive in Galien, just north of and on the same side of the road as Oatsvall Construction.

The performance begins at 7:00 pm. No ticket needed. Just park your car and enter the theater. As you do, notice the set design. From the ballot drop-box out front to the framed photos inside of volunteer firemen over the decades, the stagecraft is impeccable.

Even the naming has authenticity. "Township Hall" for the theater. "Board of Trustees" for the acting troupe. "Regular Board Meeting" for the play itself.

When the show starts, you will feel yourself drawn into the performance as you stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. During public comment at the beginning and end of the drama, members of the audience will rise around you to address the actors, who listen without responding. Perhaps you too will be inspired to rise and offer your feedback.

But I'm barely scratching the surface here. In the coming weeks, return to these pages as we attempt to give "Regular Board Meeting" the attention it deserves. The characters. The conflicts. The scandals. The back stories. The known and the rumored.

This is a play about America. By attending it and talking about what we experience there, we may come to learn something about who we are.

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Ribbon cutting to celebrate New Troy Community Center revitalization

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony at the New Troy Community Center at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, celebrating the completion of the facility's exterior revitalization project and the unveiling of four new historical plaques.

Friends of New Troy (FONT) drove the multi-faceted improvement project that included repaving the parking lot, repairing sidewalks for accessibility, adding a walking path to the Memorial Garden, refreshing the building façade, and adding new landscaping. These updates enhanced the overall curb appeal of the community center and brought new life to the heart of downtown New Troy.

FONT was also able to add four new historical plaques to the Memorial Garden, a feature not included in the original project scope. The plaques, researched, written and designed by FONT volunteers, trace the area's rich history from Chief Weesaw (1735–1836) of the Potawatomi Tribe to the founding of Weesaw Township Park and the New Troy Community Center.

The project was made possible through a successful crowdfunding campaign on Patronicity, donated and managed by Changemaker Studio of Bridgman. Community contributions from residents and local businesses helped the Friends of New Troy earn a matching grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation as well as support from the Berrien Community Foundation's For Good grant program.

Landscape design and discounted plantings were provided by Sawyer Garden Center, and countless volunteer hours helped bring the project to completion.

The New Troy Community Center is located at 13372 California Rd., New Troy, MI 49119. For more information, contact the Center at 269-426-3909 or friendsofnewtroy@yahoo.com.

— STAFF REPORTS

From the Bleachers

COLUMN BY KURT MARGGRAF IN CHICAGO

As I grow older, my memory seems to focus on the things that made me happy much more clearly than the things that made me sad or angry.

I was going to say that we all lean that way, but I'm really not sure.

Let's give it a try. Remember when the government used to be able to work things out instead of shutting down? Remember when kids used to play in the park or at the beach, and you didn't worry about them? Remember when you had to sneak around to have a sip of beer, or something even more potent?

I remembered those things because this week, some basketball players, ex-players, and even coaches became implicated in a gambling scandal that looked like it could rock the NBA.

Upon further investigation, it appears that there wasn't any actual throwing of games, just insider information and possibly some point shaving. I hate to be a teams (the Bears) apologist, but they have been burned a lot this season by referees calling ticky tac penalties to negate big plays and even touchdowns.

So anyway, I put on my thinking cap and tried to remember the past. In the last few years, there have been close to 20 incidents of betting in sports.

Baseball, football, basketball, hockey, and other sports have all had bad actors. La Cosa Nostra has been involved. Gambling is a can of worms. Any player or official could lose a bet, not be able to pay, and alter the outcome of a game to pay off his losses. Technology is making it much easier to cheat. Poker has special glasses and x-Ray tables.

Suburban Chicago has about 10 casinos and slot machines in every other gas station and convenience store. You can't watch a sporting event without being inundated with advertisements giving you free money just for playing. There are dispensaries all over the place.

The amount of "sin taxes" being generated is astounding, yet many states, including Illinois, continue to spend more than they take in. This is one crazy world we live in and I've barely touched the surface. Let's get back to the games.

The Bears faltered Sunday, losing to the Ravens 30-16. They looked great in the first quarter, but came up short the rest of the way. The game was much closer than the final score indicated. The Bears aren't quite ready to beat the big boys yet, but they're getting closer.

The Blackhawks youngsters are growling up. Through the first nine games this season they've played excellent hockey, winning more than they've lost. The playoffs are possible this year and soon they will be competing for the Stanley Cup.

Finally, the Bulls. They're playing an exciting brand of basketball and it just may lead them to the playoffs. Winning the first two games of the season has everyone thinking positively. All in all Chicago sports fortunes are on the rise.

Winston Churchill said, "Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm."

Be kind. Talk to you next week. Peace, love, and happiness.

I'm never ever in a boring fight lad, I have to get a punch in the face to wake up. *— Paddy Pimblett*

Tacos Los De Catemaco on US Hwy 12

Tacos Los De Catemaco debuts in New Buffalo

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

Having opened a successful restaurant, Al Fuego Grill and Bar, located off Exit One in New Buffalo, in 2023, Abundio Xolio Cobaxin and his wife, Paula, have now opened a new kind of dining establishment on the other side of town.

Tacos Los De Catemaco opened this fall at 899-801 U.S Highway 12 in New Buffalo.

Opening it has given the couple a chance to try a more "fast food" style of dining. Customers can place their order through the takeout window inside or at a drive through on the side of the building.

"It's a great opportunity for us to grow as well," Abundio said.

Next spring or summer, Abundio said they hope to serve hot dogs and sandwiches as well as their tacos. They also plan to sell milkshakes as well as Raspados, which includes crushed ice with different flavors of syrup such as fruit punch, strawberries or pineapples.

The establishment serves breakfast, which includes burritos, an English muffin sandwich and breakfast tacos, all day.

For lunch and dinner, Abundio said they sell a lot of Tortas: Torta My Way, which consists of a homemade bun and toppings such as lettuce, Pico de Gallo, pickle jalapeños, cheese, avocado and choice of meat; Torta La Mega, which consists of toppings such as spread mayo, beans, Swiss cheese and mozzarella and Chicken Milanese and Torta Del Chavo, which is topped with spread mayo, ham and cheese and pickle jalapenos.

"So, it's nice sandwiches - very filling," Abundio said.

There are also tacos, burritos and different bowls.

Being located along U.S. Highway 12, Abundio said that Tacos Los De Catemaco seems to be catering to a different crowd

"This area is more people coming in and going in and out of the town so it's different than what we are at Exit One," he said.

Abundio has been working in management for franchises for years, having been a franchisee for IHOP for 20 years.

Paula, he said, works more on the behind-the-scenes work in the kitchen, creating recipes for sauces and other dishes.

Along with their two dining establishments, the couple will continue to contribute to the area in other ways by continuing to make donations to churches and the local schools and events.

"We try to support our local community," Abundio said.

Currently, Tacos Los De Catemaco is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, with Abundio saying that the hours may expand in the spring.

Raiders win in final football game of historic season

BY STAN MADDUX

The Red Arrow Raiders finished what was in many ways a historic high school football season on a very positive note.

After losing their first game in a drubbing against Bridgman the previous week, the Raiders on Friday, Oct. 24, easily defeated Eau Claire 72-48 at New Buffalo High School.

Head Coach Matt Johnson said his 8-1 Raiders had the best record of any football team at New Buffalo High School since 1990 when the Bison went undefeated during the regular season.

Johnson said the record also tied for the best in football at River Valley High School since 1996.

The football programs at each school merged in 2021 to form the Raiders.

Earlier in the season, senior Cooper Lynch set the state record in eight man football for receiving yards in a game while sophomore Colton Lijewski passed for the fifth highest yards in a game in the state for eight man football.

"It's been historical all the way around," Johnson said.

The Raiders leading the Beavers 46-14 at halftime scored first just four minutes into the game on a 17 yard touchdown run by Lijewski.

Lijewski later ran 70 yards for a touchdown before the Beavers reached the end zone for the first time with less than a minute before the second quarter.

The Raiders quickly scored another touchdown on a short pass to senior Trevor James following a long gain.

Eau Claire narrowed the lead mid-way through the second quarter with help from an interception returned 35 yards before a six yard run into the end zone a few plays later.

The Raiders put the game away, though, by scoring three more touchdowns in the final seven minutes before halftime with the first being from a short pass to senior Lucas Forker in the end zone.

The next score came from a long perfectly thrown pass to Cooper Lynch, who took the ball the rest of the way down the sidelines.

Lynch soon caught a short pass from Lijewski in the back of the end zone for a touchdown set up by a long run from junior Keio Trimm.

Johnson with the addition of new players like Lynch and lineman Nick Wolfe along with a quality junior varsity crop from the previous season was cautiously optimistic prior to the start of the season.

Last year's squad won just twice but the players this year set a goal of winning at least four games.

After their sixth consecutive victory over a strong NorthPointe Christian team, Johnson said, "you could tell that something special was going on so this was cool to be a part of it."

The Raiders will lose key players like Lynch, Forker and Wolfe to graduation but Johnson feels there are high quality replacements like receiver Drew Bowen and lineman Keith Faust in the making for next season.

"I'm comfortable where we are at. We just got to fill in a couple of holes but that's the nature of the beast, right?"

The Acorn, JazzReach Music Education Enrichment Partnership returning next month

For the third year, The Acorn is proud to partner with JazzReach to present free community and educational programming this November.

JazzReach is a nationally recognized New York City-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, performance, creation and teaching of jazz music. Through the presentation of innovative, widely acclaimed live multi-media educational programs for young audiences, captivating main-stage concerts for general audiences and informative clinics and master classes for student musicians and ensembles, JazzReach is steadfastly dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation, awareness and understanding of this rich, vital, ever-evolving American art form.

Last November brought community events and school programs through The Acorn's partnership with JazzReach. Participating schools included River Valley Schools, Bridgman Elementary School, and New Buffalo Elementary School.

Local elementary school students will arrive at The Acorn by bus to experience Jean-Michel and the Be-Bop Kings, celebrating the visionary American painter, Jean-Michel Basquiat and the jazz greats who inspired him. Select students in upper elementary will also participate in a visual art extension in the style of Basquiat. Teachers Rhea Folk (River Valley) and Jennifer Green (Bridgman) will begin the project in their respective schools ahead of the program at The Acorn. After the JazzReach program is over, materials will be distributed to the students to complete the art project at The Acorn. Students will use the inspiration of the music they hear during the program to guide the artwork they'll create after the performance.

The Acorn and JazzReach will present An Evening with Metta Quintet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5.

A cohesive, tight-knit unit featuring some of today's most esteemed, creative artists, Metta Quintet is fueled by a collective, open-minded musical curiosity and dedicated to exploring new artistic territory while maintaining a passionate commitment to arts education, fostering new audiences and nurturing young talent.

The Acorn and JazzReach will present Sittin' In and Groovin' Out featuring Metta Quintet plus special guests: River Valley High School Jazz Orchestra at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7.

Sittin' In and Groovin' Out promotes creativity and teamwork, builds confidence, cultivates a deeper appreciation of jazz music, improves students' overall musicianship and improvisational skills and inspires students to want to continue to improve and excel in both music and life. Band students at River Valley High School will participate in this intensive three-day residency culminating in a performance with JazzReach's Metta Quintet.

River Valley High School students performed on The Acorn stage alongside JazzReach's Metta Quintet last November. The newly formed "River Valley Jazz Orchestra" was under the direction of Christopher McBride.

The Acorn's partnership with JazzReach is made possible through the generous support from program sponsors.

Tickets are available at acornlive.org for all events. Admission is free through generous support from our sponsors. The Acorn is located at 107 Generations Drive in Three Oaks.

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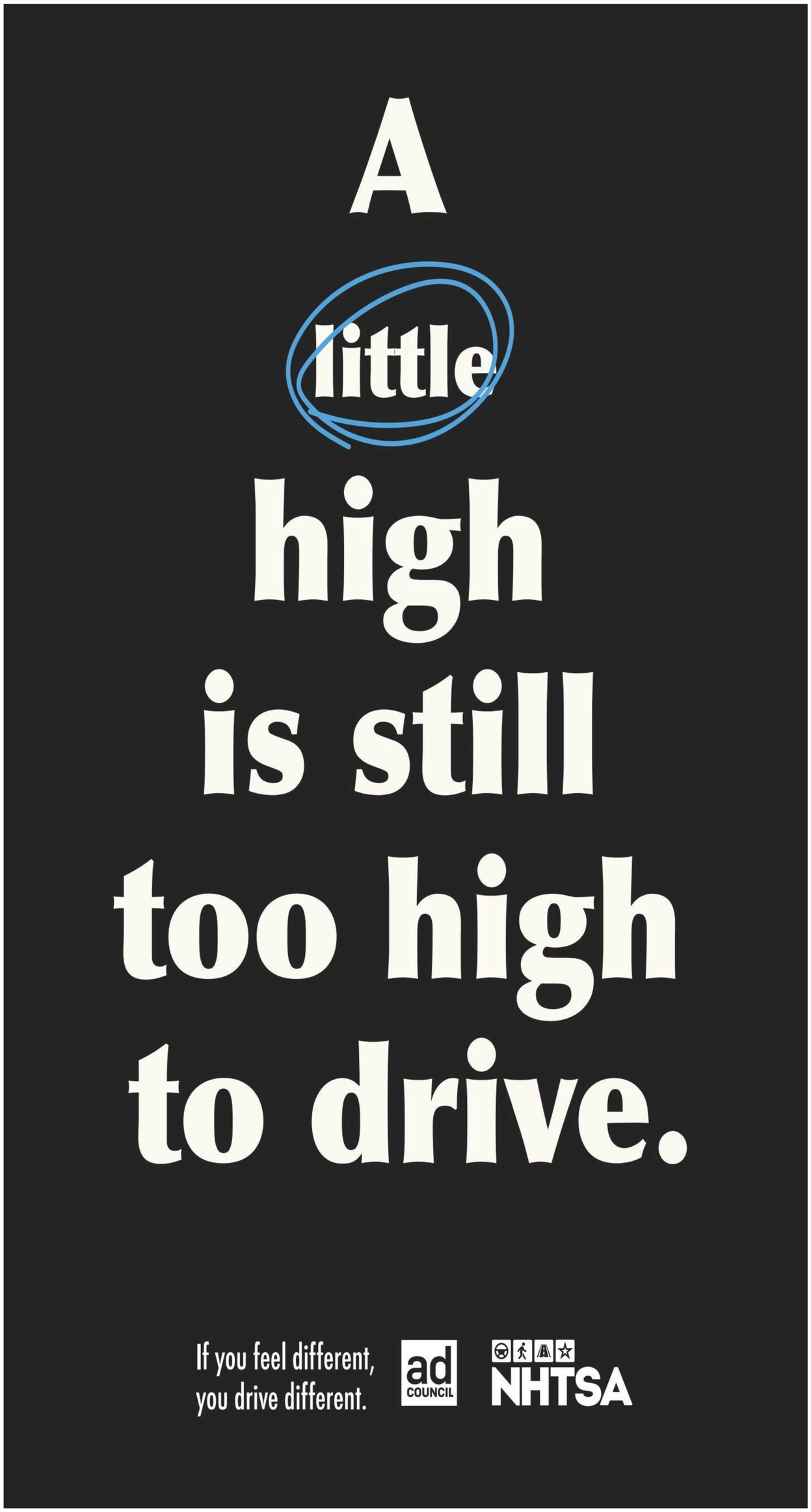

New Buffalo Halloween Parade celebrates golden anniversary

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

For the 50th year, the streets of downtown New Buffalo and the surrounding neighborhoods were populated with ghosts, princesses and other colorful creatures for the New Buffalo Community Halloween Parade Sunday, Oct. 26.

Costumed characters, who were eager to scoop up some sweet treats, stood on North Thompson Street, which was where the costume judging took place. From there, they marched down North Whittaker Street and onto West Mechanic Street, meandering through the neighborhoods to the city's fire house. There, the trick or treaters received treat bags before dispersing onto the streets of New Buffalo for trick or treating.

Treats were also distributed by business owners, with children in costume scoring a free ice cream cone at Oink's Dutch Treat.

The parade was started in 1975 by Bonnie Keefer, who chaired the parade committee before she passed away in December 2016 and started it in the 1970s as a safe way for children to go trick or treating.

Ryan Kumpf said he was happy to step up to the plate this year as chair of the parade after being handed the reins from Tricia Mayer, who'd chaired it for the last several years.

"I felt proud to be helping put together the 50th one," he said.

One year, his son won an award in the parade in the "ugliest/scariest" category.

This year, he said they increased the cash prizes in each envelope, with 81 envelopes being handed out, and added a runner-up category to the Bonnie Keefer Award.

The parade is a community effort. Fundraising is required to keep is going year after year, with a variety of local businesses and individuals donating to the cause. Kumpf said he rallied together 14 judges from people he knew in town for the costume contest. Members of the New Buffalo Elementary Student Senate put together 600 bags of candy, with Kumpf saying about 500 kids passed through for candy.

"It teaches them teamwork and how we can all kind of put it together and it happened a lot quicker than me doing it alone," he said.

This year's parade donors were Redamak's (James and Angeline Maroney), New Buffalo Hardware, Villa Nova Pizzeria, Tom Rossman State Farm, David's Deli, Ghost Isle Brewery, New Buffalo Animal Hospital, Kerhoulas Insurance Agency, A Clean Getaway, Posh Boutique, The Hidden Gem/Kids Stop/B Clothing, New Buffalo Lions Club, Michigan Turf Company, Sunflower Therapy Centers, New Buffalo Yacht Club, Harbor Country Dental, Brewster's, Garwood Orchard and Stark Funeral Home.

Kids from the Babbitt family pose before receiving their free ice cream at Oink's

Jeanna and Andrew and Henry and Finn Carlson pose before the parade

Costumed kids walk down North Whittaker Street

Kids from the Baker, Killingbeck, Bowen and Lahker families pose before the parade

Luigi Dibley is ready for the parade

The parade heads down North Whittaker Street

Thomas Sayler, Serenity Kestner, Ryker Dohner, Sam Spikehout and Quinn Earley ride around town for their Halloween treats

The New Buffalo Blue and Gold Band leads the parade

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NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS
IS PROCEEDING WITH A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

New Buffalo Area Schools is proceeding with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) on 12332 Lubke Road, New Buffalo, MI 49117. Beginning Monday, October 13, 2025, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be released to the public to seek private investors/developers to partner with New Buffalo Area Schools to develop the property. The Request for Qualifications: New Buffalo Area Schools Attainable Housing Project document may be examined on the district's website www.nbas.org under "Our District." There are specific qualifications that developers will need to demonstrate that can be found on RFQ.

For any questions on the RFQ, or scope of work, can be submitted to Adam Bowen at abowen@nbas.org. Printed copies of the RFQ may be obtained at the Superintendent's Office at 1112 East Clay Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117. Interested investors/developers must submit qualification documents to Adam Bowen, New Buffalo Area Schools 1112 East Clay Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117 or abowen@nbas.org (subject line: Attainable Housing RFQ Response) by November 14, 2025 at 12:00 PM EST.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF QUIET TITLE ACTION
AND NOTICE OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER

BERRIEN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, CIVIL DIVISION, 2nd Judicial Circuit in Berrien County, Michigan, File Number 2025-000220-CH-L

Parties: Village of Grand Beach, a Home Rule Village v All persons or entities unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien, or other interest in the real estate described in the Complaint which may be adverse to the Village.

Plaintiff, the Village of Grand Beach, has filed a Complaint to Quiet Title to an area of land known as "Jensen Court", which is located on Lakeview Avenue, Grand Beach, MI 49117. Plaintiff is requesting that title to the property described in the Complaint be forever quieted in the Village of Grand Beach, as the Village of Grand Beach has maintained, monitored, cared for, and occupied said land openly, notoriously, and adversely to claims of all others for at least 25 years.

Please take notice that any interested party must file an answer or take other action permitted by law in the Berrien County Circuit Court, Civil Division (3rd Floor), 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, on or before December 1, 2025 (30 days from the date of publication). If you fail to file an answer or response on or before December 1, 2025, PLEASE BE ADVISED that a Default Judgment will be entered in favor of the Village without any further notice, quieting title to the land forever in the name of the Village of Grand Beach.

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A Writer's Life...

DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF TELEVISION ANIMATION

BY JACK OLESKER

Looking Back, looking forward

My gosh, this is the 50th installment of my A Writer's Life, During the Golden Age of Television Animation.

It doesn't seem possible it was a year ago that Kim and I were in the bar at Farina's Supper Club in Long Beach with Dino N. Fatouros. We go back a long way with Dino and Kristin and we always enjoy their company. A respected Human and a fine storyteller with a genuine smile, if you can find him, he's a great guy to spend on evening with.

I forget what we started out talking about on that particular evening. Kim was sitting between me and Dino and as I ordered a second chocolate martini, the two huddled in conversation for a few moments. By the time my drink came, Kim turned to me and shared that she and Dino had discussed the possibility of me writing for the New Buffalo Times. I confess, at the time, I wasn't aware Dino and his talented and beautiful wife, Kristin, who is the Newspaper's editor, purchased the New Buffalo Times in 2013, and were now in charge of content.

I'd always enjoyed the New Buffalo Times. It was quaint, hometown-y and in my mind symbolized the best of what The Heartland was – articles about the community, New Buffalo sports teams' goings on and an occasional human interest story.

I told Dino I'd be delighted to write for the newspaper. Little did the three of us, and later Kristin, know where this would lead.

As president and CEO of a motion picture and television production company, I always have a full plate, developing motion picture and television content. The last thing on my mind was a weekly column. Ya just never know how things will turn out.

I went home that night and the column came to lifelike Athena springing from the head of Zeus in full battle armor. I'd write a column about, naturally, my almost 50 years in television – the top tier executives at NBC, CBS and ABC I'd worked with, the wonderful animated children's series I'd developed, created and written for and, most importantly, the joy of working for and positively impacting children through those series.

I didn't know the reach my little column in a small town newspaper would have until, about six months ago.Kim and I were in Joe & Freddy's for dinner when a thirties-ish young woman, her boyfriend in tow, came up to us and tentatively said, "You're Jack Olesker. You write the column in the New Buffalo Times." When I did a grinning mea culpa, she said she and her boyfriend really enjoyed reading it.

A few weeks later I was in Swingbelly's having lunch the Kurt Gillins, the dynamic president of the Michigan City Chamber of Commerce, when an elderly lady approachedand declared, "I read your column every week. I can't tell you how much I look forward to it."

It's funny how life has a way of coming full circle – for me, having written over 1,200 episodes of television, 18 motion pictures and six novels, and almost 40 years later living a serene life in this wonderful place I love, only to find I've got fans here enjoying my words anew.

For that I have my wife Kim, Dino and Kristin to thank. I thank them with a deep sense of humility and gratitude for allowing this writer to do what he loves most – to reach out and touch people with my words and stories. Lucky me. Thank you, Kim, Dino and Kristin. Thank you so very much...

HORRORSCOPE

OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 5, 2025

AS INTERPRETED BY SANDY "STAR" BENDT

ARIES MARCH 21—APRIL 19

It will be a dark and stormy night with a strange howling and barking in the distance. Try as you might to turn on the lights or find your umbrella, you will be in the dark and wet with fright. Whatever you do, stay away from the windows and keep that aluminum foil helmet on!

TAURUS APRIL 20—MAY 20

This is the week that everything about you changes. You will grow long fangs, sharp claws, and intense facial hair. The desire for very rare meat and sweet treats like eyeballs and cow's tongue will be overwhelming. Others may be very frightened, but that's what will make it feel normal.

GEMINI MAY 21—JUNE 21

You will have many sleepless nights this week because of all the chanting and stomping you will hear. You may notice a strange cone of light coming up from the woods behind your home and figures dancing in a ritual fashion. Be afraid, be very afraid.

CANCER JUNE 22—JULY 22

A box will be delivered to your home. Inside you will find a packet of seeds. Do not plant these seeds or expose them to water and certainly do not sing to them. Any kind of acknowledgment will awaken them. They may not be real but they can be conceptualized.

LEO JULY 23—AUGUST 22

A large group of crows will encircle your home. A man with an unnatural expression will speak to them and they will do his bidding. You will feel rooted to the ground, expressionless, swaying in the breeze. These crows will dive down and peck at you. Wait, is your home in a corn field?

VIRGO AUGUST 23—SEPTEMBER 22

You will visit a cabin in the woods this week and even though you are a book lover, do not open any books you find there. A book bound in strange leather, written with blood red ink has the ability to change the earth as we know it and release hell and all its demons. No more reading!

LIBRA SEPTEMBER 23—OCTOBER 22

The men in black will arrive at your home again this week. It seems the recent trip you made to the desert, to a certain area has created a rip in the time space continuum again and the neighbors chihuahua has been sucked into another dimension. The local humane society has some questions also.

SCORPIO OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 21

A caravan will be approaching your home, a night circus or dark carnival of sorts. Trucks with trailers filled with all manner of horrifying creatures great and small will be making its way to your neighborhood. Avoid this carnival and stay away from the cotton candy. It rots your teeth.

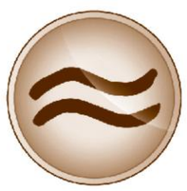
SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 21

Today your lucky numbers will be imaginary and your winnings will be unseen. You will hear nothing when there is no sound. You will see nothing if you do not look. If you keep your eyes closed, you will only see darkness. Also. if you keep them closed and walk, you'll have a nice trip.

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22—JANUARY 19

Lock your doors! Close the windows and do not go outside. The government has just released an announcement that the there has been a strange odor and a weird vapor has settled over the cemetery near your home. The dead have risen. They're coming to get you Capricorn.

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20—FEBRUARY 18



You may be able to tell yourself it was only a dream and the lab wasn't a real place. No, not that recurring dream. The one with the thunderstorm! The lightening! The howling winds. No, not last night. The night the creature lived! The towns people came with torches.

PISCES FEBRUARY 19—MARCH 20

Your feet will grow extremely large and will not fit any of your shoes. Your face will turn white and an unusual smile will caress your lips. Your car will become extremely small but will hold more people than you can imagine. The mere presence of you will make babies puke.

Sexy is confident. — *Kendall Jenner*

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37 River into the North Sea
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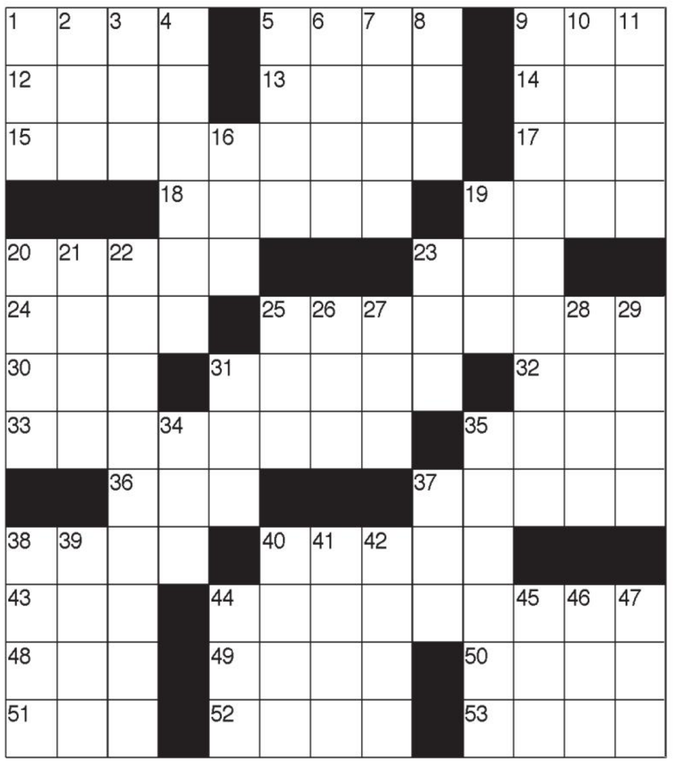

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COLUMN BY KAREN EDWARDS ND

EXPECT A HEALING CRISIS WHEN YOU START A NEW HEALTH JOURNEY

When you stop the damaging addicting foods like sugar, caffeine, white flour, soda, and such, you will most likely feel worse before you feel better. You are going through withdrawal. You may experience symptoms of cold like coming on, flu, dizziness, chills, nausea, anxiety, fatigue and mucous discharges. Better out than in. These are all normal and not dangerous. Getting these toxins out of your body that are surely sending you into a state of DIS-ease, is quite good! It is your road to better health.

I have seen so many people quit a detox journeybecause of a healing crisis and not know how to get through it.

During the first phase of the healing crisis, the accent is on elimination or breaking down of damaged tissue. The body begins to clean house. It removes the garbage deposited in all the tissues. Wastes are discarded more rapidly and new tissue is made from the new living foodingested.

If anyone has ever smoked and quit, you go through the same thing. When you quit, you have major withdrawals, hacking up the tar and nicotine out of your lungs (What a blessing!) and feel really run down. And CRAVING that toxin! But… if you stay with it, you will get through the worst of it. Many will tell you it is the best thing they haveever done. Same with eating processed sugar and chemically laden foods. Over time, you are starting to see how it is degenerating your body. Weight gain, fatigue, sleep disorders, impotence, nausea, high blood pressure,and such. When you quit, it magnifies these symptoms temporarily. Get through it! It really only takes 21 days for your cells to detox. At this time, you are able to cleanse and rebuild and become a new person.

If you are making a change to heal your body, face it, everyone has to go through it. But what is waiting for you on the other side of this is a brand-new life! Drink a lot of water throughout the day. This flushes out these toxins that are stirring through your cells. Start your day with the hyper nourishing green smoothie. (In a past article) This will give you so much nourishment that will nearly diminish the healing crisis.

Make sure you are exercising. Move to destress. Put down your phone, get away from negative influences. Choose positive thoughts and affirmations. Start a gratitude journal. Look at what is GOOD instead of only looking at what is BAD. You will be surprised. Let go of grudges. Emotional cancers will destroy our whole bodyand will cause DIS-ease. Sometimes we just have to break the chains of holding on to the past and our bodies will heal.

Don't let a normal healing crisis stop you from one of the best things that you can do for your body. Every time your body can go deeper into healing, it will be able to purge out more poisons.

Disclaimer: Everything here is for nutritional education and is not meant to diagnose, treat prevent or cure. See your doctor when you have questions.

PET OF THE WEEK

WEDNESDAY

If you want a cat captain, Wednesday will take over your home. She is almost 4-years-old, with her vaccinations up-to-date, and she's spayed. Wednesday loves being petted and playing with her toys. After that, she's lazy, and will find your lap. Wednesdays can be scary, but this Wednesday likes hearing how pretty she is. She is loving, welcoming, interactive, and has very polite manners. She'd prefer being the only pet, to get all your attention. Make Wednesday your best decision, and part of your home today.

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Students work on props with Dwayne Whitmyer (top left)

Students work on the wall of Grandma's House

Students pose with one of the props with Dwayne Whitmyer (left)

Students embrace engineering, arts with new class

BY FRANCESCA SAGALA

The worlds of science and art are now officially intersected at New Buffalo Middle/High School with the creation of Engineering in the Arts class.

Science teacher Richard Eberly said that students had assisted with the arts in previous years, such as building the signage for productions.

"This year we said, let's just make it a class," he said.

For this trimester, students have been working on props for the middle school's fall play, "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" in the STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) building across from the school.

Students have been working engineering into what they build and then working with Dwyane Whitmyer, director of the Performing Arts Center, on how everything will fit together onstage.

"We had the kids do a CAD design of what they're going to build and then we look at their designs and his vision of what works because he has play experience and then we hybridize and kind of bring them together and build the props for the play," Eberly said.

Eberly said he bases his teaching for Materials Science off the actual projects students are doing with props, adding that he just finished teaching about polymers and how they're used with paint, wood and cellulose. Students will be learning about metals for the next play, where they'll be building a tin man costume.

He said students have been working with electronics and mathematics while making a robotic Toto dog, having to do CAD designs "to be able to build a construct" and work out different prototypes.

Senior Teo Uras, who's also in Robotics, said that it took him about three years to master the CAD Design software, which he discovered in his freshman year.

"Its software that's used for basically transferring any drawing or 3-D shape that you have in your mind for solving problems into reality by giving all the dimensions for how to build it essentially," he said.

Uras said that everything can then be exported and sent to the 3-D printer and the "printer will do every layer and every dimension."

Students have been tasked with figuring out what a specific prop must do, such as with one of the walls that must be able to roll off the floor quickly.

"What is the physics behind keeping seen what you want to see and making unseen what you don't want seen?" Eberly said.

Whitmyer, who will be directing the fall play, said he appreciates students' use of the building. Before, he'd have to rely on the stage for props, only to have to dismantle everything for rehearsals.

"Just getting the kids involved over here is a big thing right now and just trying to utilize this building – and it helps me a lot, too," he said.

Lucas Forker, who's in Building Trades, said that he built about nine bee boxes for the back side of the retention pond behind the school.

"This class, we've just been building more bee boxes for him (Eberly) and we've just been painting all these things for the play," he said.

Forker has been painting the trees, which involves using paper mâché and letting the base coat that was tested out dry.

The students have also been using their construction skills to build the walls.

"I love classes where there's more hands-on things," Forker, a senior, said.

Junior McKennah Tierney said that the experience of creating props has proven to be a bonding experience with her classmates.

"I think it's great that we get to help out the school in some way especially with the whole program of theater," she said.

Tierney, who's now getting back into the arts, was working on the wall for Grandma's house.

"We 3-D printed the flowers and the design for everything so one of them is a stamp and then the rose design is actually a stencil, so you use spray paint instead of regular acrylic paint for that," she said.

Recently, students in the geometry class used the STEAM building to build caterpillars, write out instructions on how they built them and hide them around a room. Other students had to then make mates for the caterpillars by using the instructions.

"There's the hunt and then they compare their caterpillars to find their mates and discuss the issues in geometric terms of what caused the errors," Eberly said.

The exercise introduced concepts of transformations of geometry, such as dilation and reflection, "by looking into details of their caterpillars and how they were made," he said, adding that students also learned chirality of molecules.

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